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1. House searches are reported to be taking place throughout the East Sector. The postal service which functioned on 24 July was again interrupted on the following day. The larger plants such as those at Hennigsdorf and Oberschoeneweide are not yet in full operation. Bread and butter are said to be in short supply.
2. West Berliners with valid business with official or semi-official East Berlin agencies are permitted to pass through the Brandenburger Tor.
3. According to rumor, the Soviet Zone and Sector restrictions are to be lifted on 5 July.
4. East Berliners continue to talk openly against the authorities and feeling is still running high. Arrests are still continuing. All workers who have ever expressed anti-government sentiments are being dismissed from the industrial plants. In some cases as much as half the plant personnel is affected by this policy.

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travel in the Soviet Zone restricted to a radius of 100 kilometers.

Eight hundred and twenty-six

VP's were allegedly executed or imprisoned for failure to obey Soviet orders.

One hundred and thirty-four officers were said to have been degraded.

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